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METHOD OF USE

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This letter is being sent to notify the United States Patent and Trademark Office that the entity status of the above referenced patent application is being changed to large entity.

If you need anything further, please contact the undersigned attorney or agent. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.